To all the Faithfull in

CHRIST

Who have ſtood in his Counci[l] the Light, to be led in the foot-ſteps of the Flock of the Companions; and to all that profeſſe the Light of Chriſt to be their Guide:

To you I write theſe following Lines, to be ſeriouſly weighed, in the weighty and ponderous Spirit, wherein you may diſcern a Diſcovery of a falſe Birth, in ſome, that came forth with us, as to own the Light, in their Judgements, and goe forth from us, in rejecting the ſtroake of the pure judgements of God, through the working of the myſtery of iniquity, and ſo become as the untimely Birth, that doth not ſee the Sun in his glory, nor the beauty of *Sion* (who hath paſſed through death unto life) in her comely unity in the Spirit and bond of peace: He that can receive it, let him, now in the coole of the day, when Council may be hearkened unto, and rightly underſtood in the truth, as it is in Jeſus.

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DEar friends, Called and choſen of God, in the eternal light and power of the moſt high, who have been, and are his living witneſſes, from the beginning of the dawning of his powerfull and glorious day of his dreadfull appearance, which hath cauſed the earth to ſhake, and the Keepers of the houſe do tremble in this day of your viſitation from on high. And all you that in true watchfulneſs wait on the Lord, in the meaſure of his life, you are ſenſible of what he did, hath done, and doth, in the ordering of his dear and tender children, as in the ſubjection both of the inward and outward man, in every exerciſe of the Spirit, as in exhortation, prayer or praiſes, which the moſt high God hath and doth accompany with his bleſſed preſence, in which he hath made all (that hath kept their habitations in the powerfull life of the firſt Love) to ſtand as Saviours upon Mount Sion, to gather the ſcattered of Iſrael, and to bring again the diſperſed of Jacob: And this is the work of all that are truly ſent of the Lord to labour in his Vineyard, who ſeeks not their own things, neither ſets up, nor ſerves themſelves with what the Lord hath given unto them, but alone ſeeks the glory of God, and ſerveth him with uprightneſſe of heart, in the exerciſe of all the gifts and riches of his grace, with which he hath cloathed them, to the perfecting of his praiſe and glory, and the comfort of his heritage for ever: therefore do they ſhine as the Stars in the firmament of heaven, in turning many ſouls to righteouſneſſe, in which they enter into the heavenly habitation of the moſt high God; where it is known, the Lord to be one, and his name one, & there alone ſtands the union of all the flock of the Companions, who have been truly baptized and buried with Chriſt in his death, where we could not cover our naked ſouls with a Fig-leaf garment of our own works, or with any ſelf-created geſture, or poſture of the outward man, but in true obedience to the light, waiting in the ſence of our miſery, crying out of the great Deep to the God of mercy, who in his appointed time, in his tender compaſſions he caſts the skirts of his garment over us, and ſaid unto us, live: In which life we in eternall unity bear our teſtimony to all the world in the the light of his Covenant, ſitting and feeding together at his Table, cloathed with the wedding Garment, where there never was, nor ever ſhall be any rent, but eternal harmonious joyful unity, in the everlaſting felicity, where every Child of this inheritance (as moved of the Lord) caſts in their Mite, in the returns of his ſpirit, offering up the ſacrifice of high praiſes to the moſt high God over all, bleſſed for ever.

Dear and tender friends; This ariſeth in my heart to exhort all that are

are convinced of the truth, that every one with diligent watchfulneſs ſearch your own hearts with the light, and in it know your own eſtates, and ſeriouſly know your own conditions, and that you may certainly underſtand what ſpirits you are on, and to have the ſeal of the ſpirit of God demonſtrating to you in full aſſurance, that you walk with him, in true ſelf-deniall, according to your meaſures in uprightneſſe of heart with all the flock of the Companions, as before written, then will the Lord give you a ſound and perfect judgement, to weigh and try all ſpirits, and taſt the breath from whence the words proceed, and not to lay your hands haſtily upon any, what ever they pretend, but in that which tries and weighs your own ſpirit, in coolneſſe and ſingleneſſe of heart, try and taſt what ſpirits they are on that comes amongſt you in this day, wherein many comes forth with us as to the owning of the truth in their judgements, and regulates the outward man in ſome outward geſtures like to the children of the truth; and ſome have felt the ſtroak of the judgement of the Lord, which hath cauſed them to forſake ſome things which formerly they delighted in, and in ſome meaſure of zeale have born a teſtimony to the light, enduring both ſtripes and impriſonment, both in this Nation, and ſome beyond the Seas, while they ſtood in the fear of the Lord, who for his names ſake hath delivered them from the winter ſtormes that they ſuffered under; but they for want of watchfulneſſe, the Myſtery of Iniquity hath wrought and drawn them from the light into the pride of their hearts, to deck themſelves with the jewels and gifts of the ſpirit God gave unto them, when they were humble before him; but they departing from the redeeming judgement of God, the Beaſt gets the deadly wound heal'd again, and inſtead of giving glory to God for their deliverance, they in this time of ſome meaſure of reſt, take their flight on the Sabbath day, upon the Mountains of their high imaginations, and ſacrafices upon the high places, and doth not regard to make their peace with Chriſt in them, their Elder Brother, and ſo to bring their gift to the Altar, in the humble meek ſpirit which gathers into unity, and anſwereth to the witneſſe in every Conſcience; but though they pretend zeale and obedience to God, in what they doe; they being gone from the light, they neither regard the glory of God, nor the good of his people; for all that they now doe, is wrought in a ſelf-ſerving ſpirit, where they enter into, the myſterious working of the deceit of their hearts, to ſet up, and cover themſelves with a voluntary humility, and feigned love, gathering all the eloquent and inticing words of mans wiſedome, with which they make a flouriſh in a diſcourſative ſpirit, ſpeaking high words of that

they never did know, to get entrance upon the affections of the tender-hearted ones, that are afraid to judge any but themselves, which others that look more at high words, then to feel from whence they come, or to know the end for what they are spoken; and these they seek to overcome with their subtle enticing words, to draw them into singularity, and self-separation, that they may set them up with admiration, and to carry on their own Interest, they make use of those they overcome, to seek all occasions with themselvs to speak evil, some both by writing & printing, against those that God hath raised up to keep their habitation, and to stand unmovable upon the foundation Christ the light, to discern and judge their subtle, crafty, wicked proceedings, and so lay them open, that they be such as intrude into a Ministry, and runs when God never sent them, therefore they doe not profit the people at all, for they go not in at the Door, which is the light to be led in conformity to Christ in his suffering and Death, so come they to be ignorant of the living gathering word of eternal life, because they in self-strivings climb up over the true judgement of God, and in pride and fleshly wisedome pretends to enjoyments of high things, in a self-boasting spirit, some saying in their hearts, as it is written, I see, and know, and am rich, and want nothing, when they are blind, and miserable, and naked, and wants all things, and must come again to the light, to buy eye-salve of Christ that they may see, and rayment to cover them, or else their nakednesse will for ever appear. For this birth which is generated in the Mystery of Iniquity (as before written) it cannot live but in singularity and self-separation, setting up self sometimes in visible formes, gestures and postures, to be seen distinct from others, as Clouds tossed to and fro, to whom is reserved the blacknesse of darknesse for ever, except they repent: for God will make the womb of this births conception, to be the grave whence again it shall return, and there to be buried to its eternal consumation, the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, through his servant that hath and doth labour day and night, according to the ability of the grace I have received of the Lord, for the restoration of all those that have been in danger of destruction, through the snares and working of the enemy (as before written.) And amongst many, some hearkned to counsell, and have been again restored in obedience to the light; but who rejected the counsell of God through his Servants, and desperately goes on in a self-seeking spirit, (though often reproved) they harden their necks, destruction hath, doth, and will come upon them, and that without remedy.

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to have drawn & ſeparated him from that ſpirit which gave forth the paper that propagated the keeping on the Hat in prayer, and reflected judgment upon thoſe that called upon the name of the Lord with their heads uncovered: but after much counſelling of him in tender love, to have ſtopt that paper from going abroad; but he would not be ſeparated from that ſpirit that gave it forth. Then I cleared my conſcience in the word of the Lord, which now (in my freedome in God) I declare to the children of Sion, what the eternal judgement was, that did ariſe in my heart, in words to this purpoſe. *John*, if thou propagate what thou haſt written in this paper, thou wilt wound more hearts, and cauſe more trouble of ſpirit amongſt the tender hearted people of the Lord, then when the temptation entred dear *J. N.* who deeply ſuffered, but the Lord reſtored him again by true repentance: And as to my particular, it is not my nature to be found ſtriving with thee, or any upon the earth; but having declared the truth to thee, I will return to my reſt in the Lord, and let every birth live the length of its day, and time manifeſt what is born of God; for that ſpirit that ſtands up in ſelf-ſtriving, will weary it ſelf, and die, and end in the earth. And this will certainly come to paſſe upon all that doth not diligently wait in the light, to judge the out-goings of their minds, and to be led in true ſelf-denial, which is the footſteps, where the flocks of the Companions delights to walk, every one ſerving one another in love, ſeeking to reſtore one another with the ſpirit of love and meekneſſe, forth of what any have done, through the violence of temptation or weakneſſe.

Oh! dear friends, feel the yearning bowels of the Lord through me to you all, in which I beſeech you, that what hath come ſo paſſe in this day of great tryal, and hour of temptation, you may all (in dear love to the Lord of life) return to his light, to feel his power reſtoring into a true underſtanding with him to walk, in true ſelf denial, where you will feel his preſence, filling your hearts, and binding you up in eternal unity of the Spirit and bond of peace; every one forgetting all things that is behind, and not anyone ſtand up in ſelf ſtriving, but in the tender brotherly love informing the Judgements of one another in the light and power of the endleſſe life, and in it ſubmit to the low eſtate of one another, ſerving one another in love, which is the waſhing one anothers feet, and here is Chriſt and his Diſciples in eternal unity, and powerful Dominion, againſt whom, every tongue lifted up ſhall fall in Judgement, and every weapon formed ſhall not proſper, but come to naught, for the Mountain of the Lords houſe ſhall be more and more ſet upon the top of the Mountains, and eſtabliſhed over

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all the Hills, and all the faithful ſhall more and more (in eternal unity) praiſe and magnifie his name, in the beauty of holineſſe, who ſits upon the throne, and liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

And dear choſen veſſells, who hath known; and doth abide and keep your ſtate with God in the perfecting power manifeſt in your inward man, which truely buryes ſelfe in the death, and hath raiſed you up, and ſent you forth in the reſurrection and power of the endleſſe life, which ſeeketh not any thing, but to glorifie the Lord in all your travails, and undertakings, where ever the Lord calls you.

Oh! you bleſſed amongſt the people; what can be ſaid of the goodneſſe of the Lord, that hath been and will be more and more manifeſt to you, whoſe care and burdens, labours and travels is known to the Lord and your reward is with him for ever; Dear Brethren, though great be the wrath that withſtands the work of our God, which wrath worketh openly and myſteriouſly to lay burdens upon the innocent, and to adde affliction unto the afflicted. In the word of the Lord that arriſeth in my heart, I declare they ſhall but weary themſelves, and all their hopes ſhall fail them, and their expectations ſhall come to nought, who wait for evil concerning you who love the Lord better then your lives, and delights to wait to feel his power at all times, leading and ordering in the limits and bonds of the ſpirit of the Lord, &c. I know there is of you my brethren, that need not be written unto in lines of this nature, but to all who hath, or may have their mouthes opened in the true motion of the Spirit of God, and hath not yet overcome and eſcaped the danger, where many have received loſſe as before written, with a godly jealouſie over you in tender bowels I beſeech you watch and pray, that in the light and power of God you alwaies be kept; And when any motion of the Spirit of the Lord ariſeth in you, to exerciſe the gift God hath given you; firſt ſearch your hearts, and ſee that you be at peace with Chriſt in you, your elder brother, that in the ſenſe of your peaceable union with him, your hearts be truely broken, & your Spirits truely humbled and abaſed before the throne of his glory, in which power bring your gifts to his Altar, and keep within the bonds of the Spirit, then ſhall your Sacrifices (whether it be Exhortation, Prayer or Praiſes anſwer the witneſſe of God in all his people, and God will accept of your faithfulneſſe in the returns of his own Spirit to his glory for ever: And whatever the Lord doe in you or with you, rejoice not over much in Spirits being made ſubject, but rather rejoice in the power that keeps ſelf in the Death; that your names you alwaies behold written in the Lambs book

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of life; then will you be full of vertue, as branches in the Vine of Gods righteousneſſe, whoſe leafe ſhall never wither; but you ſhall be alwaies fruitful, and your leafe ſhall be for the healing of the Nations; and an Eternal Judgement ſhall reſt and abide in you, in the pure diſcerning of all the unſtable wandering Spirits, that are as before written, which is the Stars that the great Dragon drawes after him from the heavenly light, and throws them down again to the earth, becauſe (through pride) they kept not their eſtate in the meek humble Spirit of the Lord of glory.

Oh! my dear Brethren in the unity and bonds of the meek humble Spirit of our God, my ſoul bleſſeth the name of the Lord for you and your faithfulneſſe is as marrow to the bones of the feeble, and as ſinews to the loynes of the weak; therefore let us in the true motion of the meek peaceable Spirit of the almighty God, goe on in his ſervice, and let us wreſtle with the moſt high, in the prevaling power of his own Spirit, for the bringing again the captivity of *Sion*, that they that have mourned before our God with us in yeares paſt, may be reſtored and brought from the mountains (where they are ſcattered) into the light and fold of reſt, with us to lie down in the Shepheards tent, where we find ſafety in the heat of the day, and in the hollow of his hand, he will keep us, untill the indignation be over paſt.

Therefore you valiants amongſt the people, who in the meek humble Spirit ſhines as the Angels of glory; every one be faithful in the power of the moſt high God in whom you ſhall ſtand as Saviours upon Mount *Sion*, in your living Teſtimony which cauſeth the dead to hear the living voice, the lame to walk, the blind to ſee, the dumb to ſpeak forth the high praiſes of the mighty God, which ſhall cauſe the ears of them that know not God to tingle, and the hearts of the righteous to rejoice, and for ever glorifie the name of the Lord, that hath kept you humble, little and low as to ſelf, but mighty, powerful, prevailing, in the pure, peaceable, eternal Dominion of which there is no end.

Where my ſoul reſts, who hath now given forth what hath for ſome time lain upon me, to clear my Conſcience to all that ever hath taſted in any Meaſure of the good word of God, and the power of the world to come, that they may certainly know whether they abide in the Vine of Gods righteouſneſſe, yea, or nay: Therefore, Let them that hath an eye to ſee, let them ſee; or an ear to hear, let them hear; or an heart to underſtand, let them underſtand,

derſtand, what the Spirit ſaith to the Churches, *in the eternal Judgement and word of truth, through*

Your Brother and fellow labourer in the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt,

Farewell,

Send this with care abroad to be read in the fear of God in the aſſemblies of the Church of the firſt born.

WILLIAM DEUSBURY.

The End.